

RESOLUTION OF THE BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT
AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF A
PART I LOAN AND GRANT APPLICATION FOR
THE CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT/BEDFORD-
WEST PROJECT

WHEREAS it is necessary and in the public interest that the Boston Redevelopment Authority avail itself of the financial assistance provided by Title I of the Housing Act of 1949, as amended, to carry out the urban renewal project described as Central Business District/Bedford-West and bounded generally as described in the attached Exhibit A, hereinafter referred to as the "Project"; and

WHEREAS it is recognized that the Federal contract for such financial assistance pursuant to said Title I will impose certain obligations and responsibilities upon the Local Public Agency and will require among other things (1) the provision of local grants-in-aid; (2) a feasible method for the relocation of businesses displaced from the project area; and (3) other local obligations and responsibilities in connection with the undertaking and carrying out of urban renewal projects; and

WHEREAS Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance and Executive Order 11063 prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, creed or national origin in sale, lease or other disposition of residential property (including land intended for residential use) or in the use or occupancy thereof; and

WHEREAS the objectives of the Urban Renewal Plan cannot be achieved through more extensive rehabilitation of the Project area; however, the Authority reserves the option to rehabilitate the structure if developer interest substantiates the economic feasibility of doing so:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF THE
BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY:

1. That the United States of America and the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development be, and they hereby are, assured of full compliance by the Boston Redevelopment Authority with regulations of the Department of Housing and Urban Development effectuating Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and applicable Executive Orders.

2. That an application on behalf of the Central Business District/Bedford-West Project for a loan under Section 101(a) of said Title I in the amount of \$8,000,000 and for a project capital grant, a relocation grant, and a Federal grant for the making of rehabilitation grants to the full amount available for undertaking and financing the Project is hereby approved, and that the Director is hereby authorized and directed to execute and to file such application with the Department of Housing and Urban Development, to provide such additional information and to furnish such documents as may be required in behalf of said Department, and to act as the authorized correspondent of the Boston Redevelopment Authority.

EXHIBIT A

DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT

Beginning at the intersection of the easterly sideline of Washington Street and the northerly sideline of Bedford Street;

Thence running in a generally easterly direction along said northerly sideline of Bedford Street to a point, said point being the intersection of the northerly sideline of Bedford Street and the easterly sideline of Harrison Avenue Extension extended thereto;

Thence turning and running in a generally southerly direction along said easterly sideline of Harrison Avenue Extension to a point, said point being the intersection of the easterly sideline of Harrison Avenue Extension and the southerly sideline of Exeter Place;

Thence turning and running in a generally northwesterly direction across Harrison Avenue Extension to a point, said point being the intersection of the southerly sideline of Norfolk Place and the westerly sideline of Harrison Avenue Extension;

Thence turning and running in a generally westerly direction along said southerly sideline of Norfolk Place to a point, said point being the intersection of the westerly sideline of Washington Street and the southerly sideline of Norfolk Place extended thereto;

Thence turning and running in a generally northerly direction along said westerly sideline of Washington Street to a point, said point being the intersection of said westerly sideline of Washington Street and the northerly sideline of West Street;

Thence turning and running in a generally easterly direction across Washington Street to the point of beginning, said point being the intersection of the easterly sideline of Washington Street and the northerly sideline of Bedford Street.

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M E M O R A N D U M

To: Boston Redevelopment Authority

From: Robert T. Kenney

Date: 25 January 1973

Subject: SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION TO DEPARTMENT
OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
Central Business District/Bedford-West

In order to secure funding during Fiscal '73 from the Department of Housing and Urban Development for the proposed Bedford-West Project in the Central Business District, it is necessary to begin preliminary filing procedures.

The Bedford-West property (R. H. White building) was purchased in 1967 as an Early Land Acquisition as part of the overall Central Business District Plan. The property's initial function was a relocation resource for temporary relocation for the Central Business District.

The long-term purpose is to initiate new development combining retail/commercial/office space with consumer parking for the Central Business District. In addition, since the City is still paying interest payments on the 1967 Early Land Acquisition, the Urban Renewal Plan will provide a means of closing out the loan payments.

The Project should be submitted to HUD as soon as possible so that the necessary negotiations can be undertaken to secure funding.

I am therefore requesting authorization to file this Application for the Central Business District/Bedford-West Project with the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

An Appropriate Resolution follows:

